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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))

(Regular application claiming foreign priority)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) in the names of inventors:
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For: **IMAGE-PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE-PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND IMAGE-PROCESSING PROGRAM PRODUCT**

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-114423, filed April 18, 2003.

Application Elements:

- ☒ **46** Pages of Specification, Claims, and Abstract
☒ **07** Sheets of Drawings (formal)
☐ Pages of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet
☐ Separate Power of Attorney by Assignee
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
☐ Copies of IDS Citations
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☐ Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

☒ Priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-114423, which was filed on April 18, 2003, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

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